

DISCLAIMER Outgoing Exchange Students

Academic Year, 2022-2023

The TU Delft Executive Board has decided to allow exchange study programmes for the first semester of the academic year 2022-2023. Students can travel to green and yellow [coded countries](#) for their study programme. TU Delft does not allow travel to orange and red coded countries because these colours refer to very serious safety risks. TU Delft's policy is based on the travel advice from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Each travel advice has a rating that indicates how safe a country or area is. This is done with a colour code. There are four colour codes: green (no particular safety and security risks), yellow (pay attention: safety and security risks), orange (only necessary trips, do not travel) and red (life-threatening situation due to very serious safety risks, do not travel). The colours give an idea of whether there is a security threat in the country or area. This document provides you with important information highlighting the potential risks, should you decide to go abroad as a part of your study programme. Please read carefully.

Before your departure

- Some of our partner universities have not yet decided whether they will allow student mobility in the first semester of the 2022-2023 academic year. There is no absolute certainty, and we cannot exclude, that your exchange could be cancelled by the host university. Should this happen, we recommend that you have a plan B (i.e. alternative plan for a semester at TU Delft). Familiarize yourself with the range of [minors](#) on offer and the application procedures. If you later decide to cancel your stay abroad for whatever reason, you can see if it is still possible to register for another (thematic minor). Be aware that you cannot register for a (thematic minor) as long as you have also linked an exchange minor in your examination program in the same academic year. Every student who cannot be placed within a thematic minor always has the option to compose a free minor himself in order to prevent study delay.
- TU Delft permits students to travel to green and yellow coded countries for their study programme and does not allow travel to orange and red coded countries .
- **Orange and red coded countries** mean that there are additional risks such as;
 - Rates of COVID-19 infections
 - An entry ban on travel from the Netherlands
 - A national disaster (i.e. volcano eruption/ earthquake risk)
 - Risk of terrorism and/or kidnapping.
 - A life-threatening situation due to very serious safety risks.
- Countries can have multiple colors. You are not allowed to travel to yellow areas through orange and red areas. You must always arrange a direct flight or connection from a green/yellow area to a green/yellow area. If this situation occurs, students have to contact the TU Delft Safety Department (TU-IV@tudelft.nl).
- Going abroad, even for study purposes, might bring risks that you didn't expect in advance. To effectively prepare you for these unexpected situations the university organises travel safety training. You must register and attend the **TU Delft Travel Safety training** before the start of the exchange. Topics covered in the training are: safety and security & TU Delft S&S travel policy, focus on special risks, preparation and measures, tips on handling incidents and focus on special incidents. This training will be offered online, and registration instructions are provided [here](#).
- You must register your stay abroad in [MyTUDelft](#) so that TU Delft knows where you are in the event of an emergency and as a result of this, the stay will be covered by the free travel insurance. You are asked to sign up for the information service of the **Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs** from the moment you decide to continue with your exchange preparations to receive travel advice updates. In addition, once on exchange, you should register with the Dutch embassy in the host country via the same information service, this way the embassy is aware of Dutch nationals

currently in their country. If you have a different nationality, you should register with the embassy of your respective home country.

- We recommend you to wait as long as possible before making practical and financial arrangements, as there are usually no reimbursements/refunds made by the host university. Additionally, when booking any tickets, we encourage you to select rebookable/refundable tickets, as the situation may change.
- Student housing is at an all-time low, in and around Delft. Would you consider subletting your accommodation to an incoming student? If you are interested please contact the housing department via email (Contactcentre-esa@tudelft.nl)
- Your physical presence in the host country is required for the whole period of exchange regardless of the number of courses delivered online. You must receive ECTS for your study programme abroad. A purely virtual mobility from the Netherlands or your home country is not an option.

Insurance:

- The TU Delft travel insurance covers travel to countries with green, yellow, and orange coded travel advice. If claims are made in relation to Covid-19, the insurance will examine on a case-by-case basis whether there is cover, including the following points: has the student taken sufficient measures to prevent or minimize the medical risks, for example adherence to the rules of the (local) governments and agencies, for example wearing face coverings in public spaces.
- In the event that TU Delft travel insurance does not provide cover, all costs related to your stay abroad (for example any costs in the event of repatriation) are at your own expense. Please ensure you read the [TU Delft Travel Insurance](#) thoroughly, you may wish to purchase an additional insurance.

Travel:

- Travel is at your own risk. In the event of a lock down, the Dutch government will not repatriate Dutch nationals. The TU travel insurance has an exclusion clause for these situations.
- If, prior to departure, the travel status of the destination changes to orange or red, the approval to participate in the (Erasmus+) exchange program is automatically withdrawn, and TU Delft will reclaim your scholarship (if you have applied for it). If you decide to go to an orange or red coded country, you will no longer be eligible for study credits (ECTS), your study abroad will not be mentioned on your transcript of records and you will not be eligible for funding. If going abroad for an exchange programme, the partner university will be contacted to notify them of the cancellation of your study exchange programme.
- Travel to the host country/host university will be, as usual, dependent on any restrictions and regulations in place at the host.
- You are advised to get fully vaccinated against COVID-19 before your departure, this is not mandatory for TU Delft. Some countries such as Singapore and the USA require you to be fully vaccinated to be able to enter.
- Please note that you may have conditions of entry in the host country such as:
 - a mandatory negative PCR test before arrival at the foreseen destination
 - and / or proof of COVID-19 vaccination
 - and / or obligation to go into quarantine upon arrival
 - and / or other applicable Covid-19 registration obligations of the host country.
- Any additional costs associated with conditions of entry cannot be reclaimed from TU Delft.

Arrival at Host University:

- If you become infected with Covid-19 during your stay abroad, you should take into account that you cannot travel back to the Netherlands by plane, international train, or bus. The extra costs incurred for an extended stay are your own responsibility.

- Your physical presence in the host country is required for the whole duration of your semester exchange because TU Delft believes that this contributes most to the acquisition of intercultural competences. It is allowed to attend virtual education in the host country. In order to remain eligible for the Erasmus+ scholarship your physical stay at the Host University must be at least 2 months (60 days). You must receive ECTS for your study programme abroad. A purely virtual mobility from the home country or a combination of physical mobility in the host country and virtual mobility from the home country is not an option for semester exchange.
- All other possible consequences are at your own risk, for example the consequences for your study progress due to failure to return on time for (other) educational obligations.
- In the event of an unexpected change of colour code from green/yellow to orange/red, during your stay abroad, TU Delft strongly advises you to check whether your stay abroad is really necessary and whether there are options to go home.
 - Should you be **unable to return** to the Netherlands, you need to ensure you have safe accommodation, stay informed of local and national developments, and inform the faculty exchange coordinator of any changes to your plans. You may have taken out extra travel insurance yourself. Check your travel insurance policy to clearly understand what the consequences of not leaving are for your insurance coverage.
 - Should you **decide to remain** where you are, you therefore confirm you are aware of the risks involved regarding travel, finance, insurance, and the possible study consequences of your decision. In order to remain eligible for the Erasmus+ scholarship your physical stay at the host institution must be at least 2 months (60 days).
 - Should you **decide to return** to the Netherlands, inform your host exchange coordinator and your faculty exchange coordinator. If you have an Erasmus + scholarship, send an email to erasmusgrant@tudelft.nl informing them of your decision.
- In the event of an emergency or incident during your stay abroad:
 - Call the emergency number of the insurance company Chartis (AIG) + 31 10 4535656 and have the TU Delft travel insurance policy number ready: 60.10.4117
 - Call the 24/7 BZ Information Service emergency number +31 247 247 247
 - Inform the TU Delft control room: +31 15 278 8888
 - Inform your parents and local supervisor
 - Inform your TU Delft supervisor and/or your faculty international office

By accepting your offer of admission at the host institution you confirm the following:

- You have read and understood the information provided above.
- You agree to bear any financial, health and academic risks associated with your exchange.
- You will keep your faculty exchange coordinator informed of any changes to your stay

Name	
Date	
Signature	

Sign and send it to your [faculty exchange coordinator](#).